

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1283 – HB 1598

March 10, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any governmental entity from substantially burdening a person's free exercise of religion unless it demonstrates that the application of the burden is essential to furthering a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering such interest.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The Human Rights Commission (HRC) currently enforces discrimination laws based on religion.
- According to the HRC, the Commission's call volume could increase as a result of this bill, but any such increase is expected to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient increase of court cases for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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